

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, APRIL 15, 2014

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the 50th Anniversary of Opportunities
 2 Industrialization Centers and designating April 29, 2014, as
 3 "Opportunities Industrialization Center Day" in Pennsylvania.

4 WHEREAS, Opportunities Industrialization Centers (OIC) seek
 5 to train millions of men and women with untapped talents and
 6 skills who are unemployed and underemployed; and

7 WHEREAS, The founder of OIC, the Reverend Dr. Leon H.
 8 Sullivan, started the very first OIC training center in 1964 in
 9 an abandoned jailhouse in north Philadelphia; and

10 WHEREAS, The undertaking was a huge success, and programs
 11 were quickly replicated in cities across the United States,
 12 providing comprehensive employment training and placement for
 13 disadvantaged, unemployed and unskilled Americans of all races
 14 and backgrounds; and

15 WHEREAS, The OIC philosophy of "self-help" and the system of
 16 developing the "whole person" enable individuals to become self-

1 sufficient, productive workers; and

2 WHEREAS, OIC prepares people for today's work force with
3 quality life skills development, fundamental education, job
4 skills training and employment readiness; and

5 WHEREAS, OIC has the objective of fostering and nurturing a
6 sense of self-pride amongst its associates and trainees to give
7 them confidence and enable them to participate with dignity in
8 society; and

9 WHEREAS, This year will mark the 50th anniversary of the OIC;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, The OIC seeks to stimulate loyalty, pride in the
12 community and a sense of goodwill involving all religious,
13 racial, cultural, economic and political groups, while
14 developing an awareness of each person's relationships and
15 responsibilities to humanity; and

16 WHEREAS, Herman "Art" Taylor was appointed chairperson of the
17 National Board of Directors for OIC of America, Inc., in April
18 2009; and

19 WHEREAS, The mission of OIC is to continue to be the nation's
20 leader in providing quality education, training, employment and
21 housing services through a national network of local affiliated
22 organizations, enabling economically disadvantaged people of all
23 races and backgrounds to become productive and fulfilled members
24 of American society; therefore be it

25 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
26 50th anniversary of Opportunities Industrialization Centers and
27 designate April 29, 2014, as "Opportunities Industrialization
28 Centers Day" in Pennsylvania.